



ANNUAL REPORTS

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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsboro', in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said Amherst, on Tuesday, the eight day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges.

4. To raise such a sum of money as may be necessary for school purposes.

5. To raise such a sum of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of the Town Poor.

6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Library.

8. To see if the town will vote to have a new appraisal of the real estate in town.

9. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm.

10. To see if the town will vote to place names of deceased soldiers on the monument yearly,

11 To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this eighth day of March, 1898.

HORACE T. HARVELL,
LUTHER B. CONVERSE,
FRANK E. WILLOBY.

Selectmen of Amherst.

TOWN TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.

| | Dr |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Insurance tax, | \$ 11 25 |
| Savings bank tax, | 1,495 30 |
| Railroad tax, | 361 84 |
| Literary fund, | 98 58 |
| Interest on Nutt fund for schools, | 170 50 |
| County of Hillsborough, | 974 81 |
| Collected taxes of 1896, | 1,244 58 |
| “ “ “ 1897, | 9,125 40 |
| Notes, | 1,262 24 |
| Police court, | 400 00 |
| Rent of town hall | 84 00 |
| Cemetery lots sold, | 9 00 |
| Interest on Nutt fund (E. K. Burt), | 7 00 |
| Interest on taxes of 1896, | 18 08 |
| “ “ “ “ 1897, | 11 31 |
| C. B. Sargent, license, | 2 00 |
| John Grafton, use of kettles, | 2 50 |
| W. B. Byrd, error in bill, | 1 00 |
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| | \$15,279 39 |
| Advanced by treasurer, | 40 75 |
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| | \$15,320 14 |

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CASH PAID OUT.

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| Due treasurer, as last report, | \$ 8 78 |
| State tax, | 1,795 00 |
| County tax, | 1,741 85 |
| Schools (W. W. Sloan, treasurer), | 2,864 08 |
| School repair fund, | 450 00 |
| Highways and bridges, | 1,745 34 |
| Principal and interest, | 1,191 68 |
| Snow bills, | 505 15 |
| Library appropriation, | 200 00 |
| Memorial, | 50 00 |
| Water rents, | 118 00 |
| Street lighting, | 233 00 |
| Street lighting supplies, | 91 36 |
| County aid, | 286 05 |
| Soldiers' aid, via county, | 617 74 |

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| Town aid, | 261 31 |
| Town officers, | 892 03 |
| Fire department, | 222 43 |
| School officers, | 184 00 |
| Abatement on taxes of 1896, | 25 47 |
| “ “ “ “ 1897, | 121 20 |
| Discount on taxes, | 122 90 |
| Town hall expense, | 96 38 |
| Cemetery “ | 676 67 |
| Miscellaneous, | 713 07 |
| Police court, | 106 65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,320 14 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole amount paid out on orders, | \$15,320 14 |
| Whole amount received by treasurer, | 15,279 39 |
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| Advanced by treasurer, | \$40 75 |
| Notes outstanding against town, | 7,286 73 |
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| | \$7,327 48 |
| In hands of collector, 1896, | \$161 52 |
| “ “ “ “ 1897, | 1,647 32 |
| Due from county, | 72 75 |
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| | \$1,881 59 |
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| Balance against town, | \$5,445 89 |

DOG ACCOUNT.

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| | | DR. |
| Balance in hands of treasurer Feb 15, 1897, | \$157 00 | |
| Licenses issued, | 134 40 | |
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| | \$291 40 | |
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| Treasurer board of education, | \$157 00 | |
| R. S. Boutelle, dog killer, | 1 00 | |
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| | 158 00 | |
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| Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 15, 1897, | \$133 40 | |

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,

C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR.

| | | |
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| Amount of taxes assessed 1897, | | \$10,772 72 |
| Taxes collected, | \$8,881 30 | |
| Abatement, | 121 20 | |
| Discount on taxes, | 122 90 | |
| In hands of collector, | 1 647 32 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,772 72 |
| Interest, | \$11 31 | |
| Amount due on taxes Feb. 15, 1897, | | \$1,406 10 |
| Taxes collected, | \$1,219 11 | |
| Abatement, | 25 47 | |
| In hands of collector, | 161 52 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,406 10 |
| Interest, | \$18 08 | |

FRED BOUTELLE, *Collector of Taxes.*

J. E. UPTON,

C. D. WILSON,

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Dodge :

| | | |
|------------|----------|------------|
| May, | \$254 25 | |
| June, | 293 63 | |
| July, | 328 88 | |
| August, | 113 67 | |
| September, | 225 30 | |
| October, | 296 47 | |
| November, | 154 33 | |
| December, | 3 40 | |
| January, | 52 22 | |
| February, | 23 19 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,715 34 |

SNOW BILLS.

| | | |
|-----------|--------|----------|
| March, | 13 18 | |
| May, | 2 85 | |
| June, | 6 12 | |
| July, | 26 00 | |
| November, | 1 75 | |
| February, | 455 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$505 15 |

TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| A. C. Decatur, janitor, | \$70 35 | |
| “ “ supplies, | 12 53 | |
| W. D. Clark, “ | 1 60 | |
| C. D. Wilson, “ | 9 00 | |
| O. H. Lowd, cleaning clock, | 1 00 | |
| F. C. Taylor, repairs and supplies, | 1 90 | |
| | <hr/> | \$96 38 |

STREET LIGHTS AND SUPPLIES.

| | | |
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| George W. Osgood, lighting lamps, | \$233 00 | |
| Supplies, | 91 36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$324 36 |

WATER BILLS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Miss Abby B. Melendy, | \$30 00 | |
| Mrs. E. W. Nichols, | 27 00 | |
| H. H. Belden, old bill, | 11 00 | |
| H. H. Belden, | 11 00 | |
| F. C. Taylor, | 6 00 | |
| Mrs. Julia A. Hill, | 3 00 | |
| Mrs. Julia A. Hill, old bill, | 3 00 | |
| J. P. Trow, | 3 00 | |
| A. M. Philbrick, | 3 00 | |
| H. T. Harvell, | 3 00 | |
| W. S. Peaslee, | 3 00 | |
| J. F. Hanson, | 3 00 | |
| F. Hartshorn, | 3 00 | |
| H. Boutelle, | 3 00 | |
| G. P. Bennett, | 3 00 | |
| D. H. Rhoades, | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$118 00 |

SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Appropriation, | \$2,595 00 | |
| Repairs, | 450 00 | |
| Mrs. S. E. Dodge, services on school board, | 55 00 | |
| A. J. McGown, " " " | 50 00 | |
| W. W. Sloan, " " " | 50 00 | |
| W. W. Sloan, treasurer and enumerator of scholars, | 25 00 | |
| W. W. Sloan, clerk of school board, | 4 00 | |
| Literary fund, | 98 58 | |
| Interest on Nutt fund, | 170 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,498 08 |
| Dog account, | | 157 00 |
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| | | \$3,655 08 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| F. C. Taylor, pay roll of firemen, | \$195 00 | |
| F. C. Taylor, fireward, | 5 00 | |
| W. W. Sloan, " " | 5 00 | |
| R. S. Boutell, " " | 5 00 | |
| G. H. Lakin, care of engine house, | 11 20 | |
| Clark & Sloan, supplies, | 78 | |
| Fred L. Nourse, shoveling snow from cisterns, | 45 | |
| | <hr/> | \$222 43 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

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|--|----------|----------|
| Horace T. Harvell, first selectman, | \$142 50 | |
| Luther B. Converse, second " | 119 00 | |
| Frank E. Willoby, third " | 124 50 | |
| Fred Boutelle, tax collector, | 100 00 | |
| R. S. Boutell, constable, | 10 00 | |
| A. C. Decatur, police, | 6 00 | |
| W. D. Clark, supervisor, | 5 00 | |
| W. L. Weston, " | 5 00 | |
| Frank E. Willoby, " | 5 00 | |
| F. C. Taylor, treasurer, | 60 00 | |
| W. D. Clark, town clerk, | 55 00 | |
| E. K. Burr, sexton, | 41 25 | |
| Horace T. Harvell, overseer of poor, | 12 75 | |
| Luther B. Converse, " " | 6 00 | |
| Frank E. Willoby, " " | 7 50 | |
| C. D. Wilson, auditor, | 4 00 | |
| J. E. Upton, " | 4 00 | |
| A. M. Wilkins, moderator, | 7 00 | |
| Frederick Chandler, board of health, | 10 00 | |
| Horace T. Harvell, overseer for county poor, | 31 50 | |
| Frank E. Willoby, " " " | 9 00 | |
| W. B. Byrd, to balance account at farm, | 127 03 | |
| | <hr/> | \$892 03 |

TOWN POOR.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| N. H. Asylum for Insane, board Mrs. Drucker | \$217 56 | |
| Mary Woods, care of her mother, | 15 00 | |
| Aid to Fred Hill, | 28 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$261 31 |

SOLDIERS AID BY COUNTY.

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| Clark & Sloan, goods for R. D. Moore, | \$100 00 |
| Charles Pherson, wood for R. D. Moore, | 21 00 |
| J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance R. D. Moore, | 16 50 |
| George G. Rideout, farm rent for Charles Crooker, | 83 34 |
| W. L. Weston, coal for Charles Crooker, | 28 00 |
| Mrs. C. J. Winn, labor " " | 35 00 |
| Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mrs. Crooker, | 38 50 |

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| Clark & Sloan, goods for Mike Bresnahan, | 42 00 | |
| Frederick Chandler, medical attendance for Mike Bresnahan, | 5 00 | |
| Clark & Sloan, goods for J. P. Webster, | 78 00 | |
| J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance J. P. Webster, | 26 15 | |
| J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance for N. J. Wetherbee, | 10 75 | |
| Clark & Sloan, goods for N. J. Wetherbee, | 78 00 | |
| Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Geo. W. W. Lamphere, | 23 00 | |
| Clark & Sloan, goods for James Ryan, | 6 50 | |
| Mrs. Colston, | 26 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$617 74 |

COUNTY POOR.

| | | |
|---|-------|----------|
| Mrs. Sheehan, | 76 50 | |
| T. S. Merrow, board of D. W. Cram, | 68 00 | |
| J. A. Ober, goods for " " | 2 05 | |
| Clark & Sloan, goods for Mrs. Buckley, | 61 00 | |
| Clark & Sloan, goods for Mrs. Butterfield, | 55 00 | |
| F. O. Lamson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield, | 5 00 | |
| J. F. Bills, rent for Mrs. Hutchinson, | 7 50 | |
| Horace T. Harvell, wood for Mrs. Hutchinson, | 5 00 | |
| Frederick Chandler, medical attendance John Fancher, | 6 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$286 05 |

NOTES, PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

| | | |
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| Souhegan National Bank, principal and interest, | \$807 88 | |
| Lydia M. Merrill, interest, | 144 00 | |
| Benjamin Merrill, " | 15 00 | |
| F. D. Noyes, principal and interest, | 111 02 | |
| E. K. Burt, interest on Nutt fund, | 12 00 | |
| Eliza Eaton, interest, | 24 00 | |
| Geo. E. Farley, " | 37 91 | |
| Trustees Lawrence fund, interest, | 23 87 | |
| Daniel Fletcher, | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,191 68 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| C. E. Knight, legal services, | \$ 25 00 |
| Joseph F. Hanson, building new road, | 177 00 |

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| Lemuel Fuller, land damage on account of new road, | 100 00 |
| H. M. Parker, care of watering trough, | 2 50 |
| Emma L. Clark, copying, | 12 00 |
| Charles Pherson, repairs on church and steeple, | 12 33 |
| Chas. E. Akeley, painting front of church and steeple, | 125 00 |
| Frank C. Taylor, expense to Manchester and Nashua, | 4 00 |
| Robert Atkinson, cleaning soldier's monument, | 8 00 |
| A. C. Decatur, feeding and lodging 31 tramps, | 15 50 |
| E. C. Eastman, order books, etc., | 5 01 |
| E. K. Burt, lumber, nails and labor for engine house, | 45 23 |
| E. K. Burt, lumber and labor on belfry, | 5 77 |
| " " " " " hearse house, | 17 93 |
| George A. Meserve, making and painting sigh boards, | 6 20 |
| W. W. Sloan, care of town clock, | 15 60 |
| W. D. Clark, cash and recording marriages, births and deaths, | 19 25 |
| W. D. Clark, notifying jurors, blanks, etc. | 4 50 |
| Fred Boutelle, postage, | 2 14 |
| R. H. Prince, mowing and raking, | 4 75 |
| Geo. W. Bosworth, expenses to Boston, to col- lect interest on Spalding school fund, | 6 60 |
| H. L. & N. I. Peaslee, for wood used building new road, old bill, | 5 00 |
| J. F. Hanson, burying horses, | 2 00 |
| George F. Hanson, blacksmith work, | 1 40 |
| R. S. Boutell, dog killer, | 1 00 |
| H. H. Parkhurst, work on town clock, | 1 50 |
| O. H. Lowd, making and painting sign boards, | 1 75 |
| H. T. Harvell, postage and stationery, | 90 |
| Luther B. Converse, postage and stationery, | 81 |
| R. D. Moore, for writing warrants and com- plaint, | 1 50 |
| W. B. Rotch, insuring library, | 12 50 |
| " " insuring town house, | 37 50 |
| " " printing notices and reports, | 36 50 |

POLICE COURT.

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| A. M. Wilkins, Justice of Police Court, | \$100 00 | |
| A. M. Wilkins, one copy of Justice and sheriff, and expenses on same, | 2 65 | |
| W. D. Clark, special justice, | 4 00 | |
| County tax, | | \$1,741 85 |
| Due from county, | | 72 75 |

MEMORIAL DAY.

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| Cyrus Cross, appropriation, | \$50 00 |
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| Miss Fannie L. Clark, appropriation, | \$200 00 |
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CEMETERY EXPENSES.

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| E. K. Burt, exchange of hearses, | \$525 00 | |
| E. K. Burt, expenses to Worcester and New Bedford, about hearse, | 13 90 | |
| E. K. Burt, care of Blunt lot, | 2 00 | |
| “ “ labor and cash paid in cemetery, | 34 75 | |
| A. C. Decatur, painting cemetery fence and hearse house, | 49 87 | |
| Clark & Sloan, lead and oil for cemetery fence, | 46 50 | |
| C. D. Wilson, one steel shovel, | 1 25 | |
| T. S. Merrow, cutting grass in cemetery, | 2 00 | |
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| | | \$675 27 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YEAR 1896.

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| Charles Crooker, | \$1 51 | |
| Sawyer & Howison, | 3 14 | |
| Harry Boutelle, cause two poll tax, | 1 57 | |
| Benjamin Wheeler, | 6 28 | |
| Carrie E. Hutchinson, | 35 | |
| Frank W. Mace, soldier, | 1 57 | |
| Elmer E. Hutchins, left town, | 1 57 | |
| George N. Bosworth, “ “ | 1 57 | |
| Henry Griffin, “ “ | 1 57 | |
| D. L. Chute, “ “ | 2 23 | |
| George H. Hammond, “ “ | 1 57 | |
| David Demont, “ “ | 2 54 | |
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| | | \$25 47 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YEAR 1897.

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| A. G. Sheldon, | \$1 26 | |
| Charles Crooker, | 3 75 | |
| Town farm, | 81 97 | |
| Bernard Callahan, taxed in Milford, | 1 75 | |
| Frank W. Mace, | 1 75 | |
| John E. Odell, sold to other parties and taxed twice, | 2 10 | |
| Charles W. French, sold to other parties and taxed twice, | 3 50 | |
| William L. Robinson, overtax, | 4 29 | |
| Horace D. Caldwell, “ | 4 20 | |
| Stephen W. Nash, “ | 1 75 | |
| George H. Hammond, left town, | 1 75 | |
| William J. Burns, “ “ | 1 75 | |
| Jerry Buckley, “ “ | 1 75 | |
| F. C. Welch, “ “ | 1 75 | |
| Leonard Newell, “ “ | 1 75 | |
| Cora B. Glover, double tax, | 6 13 | |
| | <hr/> | \$121 20 |

HORACE T. HARVELL,
LUTHER B. CONVERSE,
FRANK E. WILLOBY,

Selectmen of Amherst.

This certifies that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM.

| | |
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| Milk sold, | \$1,056 54 |
| Hay and corn fodder, | 31 48 |
| Calves, | 14 05 |
| Beef, | 35 00 |
| Seed corn, | 1 16 |
| Boards sold, | 66 94 |
| Walnuts, | 11 00 |
| Veal, | 14 25 |
| Walnuts, | 3 25 |
| Chickens, | 8 00 |
| Fowls, | 4 30 |
| Pork, | 12 75 |
| Beef cow, | 25 00 |
| Board of horse, | 72 00 |
| Poultry and eggs, | 75 36 |
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| | \$1,431 08 |

EXPENSE OF TOWN FARM.

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| D. Whiting & Sons, grain, ice, skim milk and labels, | \$382 33 |
| C. E. Kendall, grinding and grain, | 96 95 |
| H. L. Bartlett, supplies, | 4 27 |
| Hayes, Jennison & Page, groceries, | 9 47 |
| W. F. French, hardware and paint, | 13 25 |
| Holt Bros., provisions and meat, | 4 15 |
| W. J. Prince, shoeing, | 4 65 |
| Cyrus Cross, sawing, | 1 50 |
| J. M. Currier, maple sugar, | 1 00 |
| “ “ phosphate, | 22 70 |
| D. A. Peabody, “ | 1 85 |
| J. M. Jackson, doctoring cows, | 1 50 |
| C. M. Barrett, carrying milk, | 49 77 |
| “ “ “ ice, | 5 00 |
| “ “ blueberries, | 80 |
| Elmer Lovejoy, labor | 91 00 |

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| Fred Robertshaw, in haying, | 56 00 | |
| Will Hill, cutting wood, | 15 00 | |
| E. P. Bartlett, husking corn, | 4 76 | |
| C. F. Wright, one calf, | 3 50 | |
| F. E. Willoby, one calf, | 1 25 | |
| Walter Batchelder, one cow, | 15 00 | |
| Walter Loring, hold fast corn ties, | 3 75 | |
| George Jennison, one calf, | 1 25 | |
| E. R. French, difference between cows, | 55 00 | |
| W. T. Russell, veterinary, five visits and medicines, | 17 00 | |
| James Drewett, two pigs, | 5 00 | |
| J. A. Ober, blanket, | 2 75 | |
| George Avery, milk pails and faucets, | 3 35 | |
| C. D. Wilson, groceries, grain, etc., | 107 66 | |
| Clark & Sloan, " " " | 59 61 | |
| Charles Pearsons, filing saws, | 1 05 | |
| George F. Hanson, shoeing, etc., | 4 75 | |
| A. M. Philbrick, use of planter, | 5 00 | |
| Erving Baily, labor, | 38 00 | |
| Fred Boutelle, apples, | 5 00 | |
| " " tomato plants, | 50 | |
| Dunbar, repairing harness, and oils, | 4 10 | |
| T. S. Merrow, butter, | 2 52 | |
| F. C. Taylor's bill, | 5 55 | |
| George K. Walker, butcher's bill, | 46 92 | |
| T. S. Merrow, butter, cheese, etc., | 12 22 | |
| Groceries and supplies, | 60 50 | |
| W. B. Byrd, superintendent, | 300 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,553 21 |

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN
FARM FEB. 12, 1898.

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| 15 cows, | 600 00 |
| 6 heifers, | 130 00 |
| 1 bull, | 22 00 |
| 2 horses, | 250 00 |
| 14 tons English hay, | 210 00 |
| 3 tons barley, | 36 00 |
| 15 tons meadow hay, | 120 00 |
| 3 tons corn fodder, | 20 00 |
| 400 bushels corn, | 110 00 |

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| Seed corn, | 3 00 |
| Beans, | 4 20 |
| Shingles, | 1 50 |
| 125 fowls, | 62 50 |
| 2 guineas, | 1 50 |
| Harnesses, | 53 00 |
| Blankets, | 1 00 |
| Two-horse wagon, | 100 00 |
| Farm wagon, | 38 00 |
| Express wagon, | 45 00 |
| Two-horse sled, | 40 00 |
| Mowing machine, | 30 00 |
| Horse rake, | 18 00 |
| Wheel harrow, | 18 00 |
| Thomas harrow, | 12 00 |
| Plow, | 8 00 |
| Sulky plow, | 40 00 |
| Cultivator, | 6 00 |
| Dump cart, | 16 00 |
| Other farming tools, | 40 00 |
| Fire wood, | 48 00 |
| Lumber, | 10 00 |
| Gran, | 24 43 |
| Hen feed, | 1 60 |
| Milk jug, | 1 50 |
| Vinegar, | 5 25 |
| Potatoes, | 4 00 |
| Provisions | 30 00 |
| Household goods, | 200 00 |
| Grindstone, | 5 00 |
| Sacks, | 6 00 |
| Johnson pump, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,374 48 |

HORACE T. HARVELL,
LUTHER B. CONVERSE,
FRANK E. WILLOBY,

Selectmen of Amherst.

This certifies that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

JOHN H. DODGE, Road Agent, *in account with*

THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

DR.

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| Received of town treasurer as per order of the selectmen for highways, | \$1,745 36 |
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| Charles Wheeler, | \$ 7 28 |
| Fred Robershaw, | 152 53 |
| C. A. Mason, | 18 60 |
| Edward G. Hodgman, | 173 47 |
| Frank Reade, | 16 27 |
| John H. Dodge, | 243 30 |
| Horses, | 437 55 |
| Henry Keyes, | 6 52 |
| C. C. Clark, | 131 86 |
| John Hadlock, | 55 00 |
| Burns & Son, | 2 75 |
| C. D. Wilson, | 5 52 |
| C. H. Wells, | 38 88 |
| R. H. Prince, | 20 60 |
| John Gould, | 90 |
| O. W. Loud, | 50 |
| Albert Philbrick, | 1 40 |
| C. A. Pettengale, | 2 55 |
| William Staples, | 42 75 |
| Louis Clark, | 72 55 |
| Nathaniel Carpenter, | 7 50 |
| L. F. Bills & Son, | 15 75 |
| H. W. Secomb, | 1 40 |
| D. A. Peabody, | 13 49 |
| Charles Norman, | 21 68 |

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| Frank Hanson, | 50 | 10 | |
| J. M. Carrier, | 7 | 05 | |
| P. M. Odell, | 17 | 05 | |
| P. F. Odell, | 2 | 40 | |
| E. E. Bullard, | 20 | 47 | |
| Luther Converse, | 6 | 12 | |
| Charles A. Prince, | 3 | 00 | |
| C. A. Peabody, | 2 | 60 | |
| George F. Hanson, | 8 | 78 | |
| Charles Pherson, | 6 | 20 | |
| A. A. Bills, | 6 | 62 | |
| George H. Leavens, | 3 | 20 | |
| H. W. Manning, | 19 | 55 | |
| William Goodale, | 32 | 00 | |
| Charles J. Upham, | 1 | 90 | |
| H. T. Harvell, | 12 | 60 | |
| Oliver Carter, | 1 | 50 | |
| Solomon Prince, | 2 | 75 | |
| B. E. Osgood, | 16 | 05 | |
| C. D. Hale, | 1 | 50 | |
| W. F. French, | 1 | 68 | |
| Arthur Howison, | 5 | 35 | |
| George K. Walker, | 4 | 27 | |
| John A. Hanson, | 7 | 35 | |
| J. P. Fletcher, | 1 | 44 | |
| J. H. Dodge, | 5 | 52 | |
| J. E. Fowle, | 8 | 45 | |
| Ed Carr, | 1 | 86 | |
| By use of road machine, | | | 1 50 |
| old plank sold, | | | 50 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,747 | 36 | \$1,747 36 |

SNOW BILLS.

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------|
| | DR. | |
| Received of town, | | \$505 15 |
| | CR. | |
| Arthur Junkins, | \$5 | 45 |
| Charles Rogers, | | 70 |
| W. M. Chandler, | 34 | 09 |
| Leonard Newell, | | 90 |
| John A. Johnson, | 1 | 95 |
| John Gould, | 17 | 94 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| L. F. Bills & Son, | 7 40 | |
| Walter A. Batchelder, | 23 60 | |
| T. S. Merrow, | 13 05 | |
| William W. Goodale, | 17 78 | |
| W. L. Weston, | 14 14 | |
| J. F. Hanson, | 11 90 | |
| George L. Goodale, | 5 55 | |
| W. L. Cross, | 4 35 | |
| George W. Harvey, | 4 82 | |
| Daniel W. Trow, | 8 40 | |
| W. H. Colston, | 6 80 | |
| William Melendy, | 13 62 | |
| H. T. Harvell, | 33 27 | |
| H. W. Secomb, | 1 05 | |
| Charles A. Peabody, | 8 55 | |
| Henry J. Cochran, | 39 40 | |
| F. A. Holbrook, | 13 68 | |
| Harry Boutelle, | 8 80 | |
| J. E. Fowle, | 10 15 | |
| John A. Hanson, | 21 25 | |
| Frank W. Chase, | 7 00 | |
| Chester Shipley, | 4 65 | |
| John A. Boutelle, | 5 50 | |
| Frank W. Noyes, | 12 20 | |
| George K. Walker, District No. 1, | 30 75 | |
| William Pratt, | 23 15 | |
| George K. Walker, District No. 8, | 27 39 | |
| D. A. Peabody, | 11 48 | |
| H. P. Odell, | 3 60 | |
| C. F. Wells, | 3 60 | |
| A. N. Lowe, | 90 | |
| Frank Willoby, | 1 20 | |
| Martin Campbell, | 11 80 | |
| Edward Carr, | 8 76 | |
| J. H. Dodge, | 8 63 | |
| Frank Hanson, | 1 95 | |
| Eugene May, | 2 20 | |
| Charles J. Upham, | 11 80 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$505 15 | \$505 15 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. DODGE,

Road Agent.

We certify that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

During the year 20 cases, all of a criminal nature, have been before the court, and have been disposed of as follows :

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Paid fines and costs, | 13 |
| Bound over to supreme court, | 4 |
| Sent to county farm, | 2 |
| Withdrawn, | 1 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

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|-----------------------|----------|
| From fines and costs, | \$605 21 |
|-----------------------|----------|

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| R. S. Boutelle, officer's fees, | \$47 01 | |
| A. C. Decatur, " " | 33 30 | |
| F. W. Ordway, " " | 26 22 | |
| F. J. Brown, one-half fines, | 80 00 | |
| Complaints and warrants, | 9 00 | |
| Witness fees and mileage, | 9 68 | |
| F. C. Taylor, town treasurer, | 400 00 | |
| | <hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0;"/> | \$605 21 |

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

Note.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that all fines, witness fees, complaints and warrants have been paid direct from the court to those entitled to receive the same and that \$400 has been paid to the town treasurer. The selectmen have drawn

orders for salaries and books amounting to \$106.65, which, deducted from \$400, the amount paid the town treasurer, leaves \$293.35 as the net proceeds of the court for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

AARON M. WILKINS, *Justice.*

WILLIAM D. CLARK, *Special Justice.*

Report of Committee of Spalding School Fund.

The income received for the year 1897 is as follows :

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., | \$200 00 | |
| Concord, N. H., Water Bonds, | 105 00 | |
| 15 shares Peterboro' Railroad, | 60 00 | |
| Central Savings Bank, Lowell, | 21 33 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total income, | | \$386 33 |
| | Cr. | |

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| Paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer Board of Education, | \$386 33 |
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The investments have not been changed during the year and are as follows :

| | | |
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| Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., | \$5,000 00 | |
| Concord City Water bonds, registered, | 3,000 00 | |
| 15 shares Peterboro' Railroad stock, | 1,500 00 | |
| Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass., | 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,000 00 |

We would congratulate the tax payers that the securities are worth two hundred dollars more than the town paid for them.

GEO. W. BOSWORTH,
FRANK HARTSHORN,
WILLIAM PRATT,

Committee of Spalding School Fund.

We have seen and examined the above stocks and find them as stated by the Trustees.

HORACE T. HARVELL,
LUTHER B. CONVERSE,
FRANK E. WILLOBY,

Selectmen of Amherst.

AMHERST, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

Campbell Cemetery Fund.

The trustees report as follows :

| | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| April 15, 1896. | To note given by town, | \$400 00 | |
| " 17, 1897. | Interest, | 16 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$416 00 |
| April 17, 1897. | Paid E. K. Burt, interest, | | |
| | for cemetery work, | \$ 16 00 | |
| | Note to balance, | 400 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$416 00 |
| D. A. FLETCHER, GEORGE W. BOSWORTH, <i>Trustees</i> | | | |

Received of D. A. Fletcher, trustee of Campbell fund, \$16 00

Cr.

| | | |
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| By labor on cemetery lot for years 1896 and 1897, | \$5 00 | |
| cash on hand, | 11 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16 00 |
| E. K. BURTT, <i>Sexton.</i> | | |

Feb. 15, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

Report of Trustee of Nutt Cemetery Fund.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Received interest on fund, | \$12 00 | |
| Cr. | | |
| By labor on lots, | \$5 00 | |
| cash paid town, | 7 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$12 00 |
| E. K. BURTT, <i>Trustee.</i> | | |

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

Trustees of Aaron Lawrence School Fund.

Dr.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| May 6, 1896. | Received from Nashua Sav- | | |
| | ings bank, | \$321 49 | |
| Oct. 2, 1897. | Received from Nashua Sav- | | |
| | ings bank, | 162 24 | |
| Received interest to Feb. 7, 1898, | | 23 87 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$510 60 |

Cr.

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|---------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Feb. 7, 1897. | By paid W. W. Sloan, treas- | | |
| | urer school board, | \$23 87 | |
| " " " | town note at 4 per cent., | 486 73 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$510 60 |

GEORGE E. FARLEY,
D. A. FLETCHER,
J. B. PETTENGILL,

Trustees.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts
and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

18TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
—OF THE—
AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY.

The fathers of our nation considered the church and the school the best foundations for the social system they were to build. To-day, while their value has not lessened, the public library supplements both.

By it we are brought in contact with the master minds of the world ; and if we make the best use of it, its influence is to broaden our intellectual vision, so that life will come to have a nobler purpose and a grander future.

To illustrate the advantage a good library affords, in a community like ours, take the study of history, for example. In the schools, it is, of necessity, expressed in the shortest, and therefore, the driest way.

In a library the subject is dealt with by the great historians of the world in such a way that the reading is a fascinating study. Score after score of the ablest writings, on this and kindred subjects, line our shelves, inviting young and old to the riches they contain. In no way can patriotism be so surely established as in reading the noble volumes which relate to the past of our own country, and the men to whom she owes her greatness.

Even in the domain of fiction many a book will convey a lesson of right living, and preach a more effective sermon than some pulpit efforts can claim.

In every department which our limitations will allow us to enter, we have sought to place good books ; and the kindness of friends has enabled us to do still more.

We bespeak for this institution a continuance of the interest, on the part of our citizens and others, which has made the work of the trustees pleasant in the past, to the end that it may fulfill its mission as an educator in this good old town.

We cannot close without expressing our hearty thanks for the many presents the library has received during the year.

We would also put on record our obligation to Miss Fletcher, of the trustees, through whose efforts we feel that many of these gifts were obtained.

A new book-stack, corresponding to the others, has been added to the library room; and one of oak for reference books has been placed in the reading room.

The librarian, Miss Stearns, has performed her duties, as usual, in a way that has been satisfactory to all.

The rooms, the books and everything connected with the library have been cared for in the best possible way.

During the illness, for several weeks, of the librarian, her duties were most acceptably performed by Miss Grace R. Moor.

4053 books and periodicals were taken out by 104 families. The library contains nearly 3000 volumes.

Its rooms are attractive, its librarian courteous and its benefits should extend to every family in town.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1897.

Twelve volumes, Mrs. Chas. H. Campbell.

Twenty-eight volumes, Col. Geo. H. Campbell.

Forty volumes, Miss A. M. Means.

Nineteen volumes, Mrs. G. A. Spalding.

Six volumes, Mrs. F. A. Smith.

Four volumes, Mrs. G. W. Nichols.

Five volumes, Miss Boylston.

Twenty volumes, heirs of E. D. Boylston.

Twelve volumes, heirs of Mrs. L. C. Eldridge.

One volume, Mrs. S. C. Aiken.

One volume, Mrs. Mary Kelley.

Six volumes, Sec. of State, Ezra Stearns.

Seven volumes, Dept. of Int., Washington, D. C.

One volume, State Library.

Subscriptions to the following periodicals for 1897 :

Ladies' Home Journal, Mrs. J. F. Whittemore.

The Farmers' Cabinet, Col. W. B. Rotch.

The Bookman, Mrs. J. G. Davis.

An ancient copy of Amherst Town Treasurer's book for the year 1770 ; also "The True Account of the Defalcation of the Hillsborough Bank," Mrs. H. C. Dodge.

Portrait of Mr. James W. Towne, from his son, Mr. Arthur G. Towne

Lamp for entrance hall, Mrs. G. W. Nichols.

Charter and records of Farmers' Bank, from the daughters of Dr. Edward Spalding.

Ancient book of John Farmer's, H. W. Secombe.

Record of Amherst Library Association, 1793 to 1832, from the heirs of E. D. Boylston.

Labels for books from Col. W. B. Rotch

A year's numbers of Life and Light, from Miss Clara A. Weston.

Binding of seven volumes of Cabinets, from Jas. W. Towne, Esq.

TRUSTEES.

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| A. M. Wilkins, | { | Term expires March, 1898. |
| Miss L. R. Fletcher, | | |
| Rev. A. J. McGown, | { | Term expires March, 1899. |
| Mrs. W. D. Clark, | | |
| J. E. Upton, | { | Term expires March, 1900. |
| Mrs. G. W. Nichols, | | |

A. J. McGown, President.

Mrs. W. D. Clarke, Secretary and Treasurer.

Trustees of Amherst Town Library in Account with the Town of Amherst.

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| By balance in treasury, | \$26 96 | |
| town appropriation, | 200 00 | |
| finer, | 1 86 | |
| sale of pamphlets, papers, etc., | 30 | |
| sale of catalogues, | 30 | |
| sale of bookcase, | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 42 |

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|---|---------|----------|
| To services of librarian, | \$50 00 | |
| services of janitor, | 15 00 | |
| cleaning library, | 2 50 | |
| new books, | 33 32 | |
| express, | 2 60 | |
| bill for binding, | 23 55 | |
| wood, | 3 75 | |
| small oak table, | 1 50 | |
| magazine subscriptions, | 23 10 | |
| leather cushion for chair, | 2 50 | |
| oak book case and ash stack, | 19 20 | |
| incidentals, postage, etc., | 3 72 | |
| cash on hand for supplement, binding, etc., | 51 68 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 42 |

FANNIE L. CLARK,

Treasurer of Town Library.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897

BIRTHS.

- Jan. 16, a daughter to Fred O. and Grace M. Stevens.
 Jan. 21, George Ray, a daughter to Jeremiah E. and Etta L. Upton.
 Feb. 8, Bessie Hazel, daughter to James B. and Ada E. Pettengill.
 March 2, Harriet Emeline, a daughter to George A. and Lizzie J. Meserve.
 March 8, Grace Waugh, a daughter to Edward P. and Cora W. Bartlett.
 March 27, Harold Byron, a son to Fred E. and Bertha A. Burt.
 April 1, Guy Vernon, a son to Charles A. and Lilla A. Mason.
 June 5, a son to Watson B. and Isabelle S. Byrd
 June 24, William M. a son to John and Annie Atherton Dixon.
 July 15, Leroy Miller, a son to Percy M. and Clara M. Hammond.
 July 30, a daughter to Joseph F. and Mary A. Davidson.
 August 5, Willard Parker, a son, to George E. and Mary A. Parker.
 August 21, a daughter to Carl and Amanda C. Pherson.
 Sept. 10, a son to Edwin G. and Sarah L. Hodgman.
 Sept. 18, a son to Timothy and Margaret Sullivan.
 Nov. 3, Isabelle Louise, a daughter to Daniel K. and Hattie L. Marvell.
 Nov. 5, a son to James H. and Mary E. Atkinson.
 Dec. 7, Olive Ruth, a daughter, to Harry and Anna C. Boutelle.
 Dec. 9, a son to Charles N. and Georgiana Caldwell.

MARRIAGES.

- Jan. 23, Fred E. Burr and Bertha A. Bills, both of Amherst.
 Feb. 6, Frank West of Derby Line, Vt., and Julia Gouett, both of Amherst.
 April 3, Daniel K. Marvell of Amherst and Hattie L. Smith.
 April 21, Arthur L. Pease and Annie L. Boutelle, both of Amherst.
 May 1, Carl J. Pherson of Amherst and Amanda Carlson of Lowell, Mass.
 June 10, Fred Boutelle of Amherst and Martha E. Boutelle of Corinth, Me.
 June 30, Albert H. Caldwell of Amherst and Lizzie G. Burr of Milford, N. H.
 June 23, John F. Pesterfield and Kate Buckley, both of Amherst.
 Dec. 14, Herbert C. Crooker of Amherst and Jessie L. Elvin of Mount Vernon, N. H.

DEATHS.

- Jan. 11, Martin Brennan, aged 26 yrs.
 Jan. 16, infant daughter of Fred O. and Grace M. Stevens.
 Jan. 24, Bridget Bresnihan, aged 65 years.
 Feb. 9, Mary O. Farmer, aged 95 years, 10 months, 2 days.
 March 17, Louis P. Parsons, aged 66 years, 5 months, 11 days.
 March 19, Delia L. Miller, aged 64 years.
 April 28, George Hodgeman, aged 92 years, 8 months, 25 days.
 Sept. 3, Harriet E. Hutchinson, aged 76 years, 5 months.
 Sept. 3, James U. Prince, aged 69 years.
 Sept. 18, infant son of Timothy and Margaret Sullivan.
 Oct. 3, Angeline Proctor, aged 57 years, 8 months, 14 days.
 Oct. 19, Lucia A. Shepard, aged 75 years, 3 months, 28 days.
 Oct. 25, George P. Boutelle, aged 36 years, 2 months, 26 days.
 Dec. 8, Susan E. Daniels, aged 77 years, 2 months.
 Dec. 19, Stephen Wheeler, aged 66 years, 1 month, 5 days.

The following persons were brought to Amherst for burial during the year ending Dec. 31, 1897: Elizabeth Brown, Leander B. Barker, Bertha F. Butterfield, child of Everett Berry, Henry O. Aiken, Christina K. Howard, Irene A. Whittendon, Mary Langley, Jane F. Goodnow, Daniel Robinson, Nathaniel Manning.

WILLIAM D. CLARK, *Town Clerk.*



